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ALLEGANY CUMULATIVE COVID-19 CASES TOP 10,000 Virus has caused 259 deaths to-date in the county

CUMBERLAND, MD — The cumulative COVID-19 case count in Allegany County passed another grim milestone on Thursday, topping 10,000 cases since the beginning of the pandemic and claiming 259 lives. Although Allegany County's case rate has significantly decreased since September 2021 (down from 81.56 cases per 100,000 people on September 19 to 24.55 per 100,000 as of November 11), it is still double the statewide average.

The health department will continue school-based pediatric COVID vaccination clinics next week in coordination with Allegany County Public Schools to make it easier for parents to get their children age five to eleven vaccinated against COVID-19. Parents were sent registration links through public and private schools to schedule appointments for their children. Pediatric doses of Pfizer COVID vaccine are also available through local pediatricians and some pharmacies.

The health department also continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines on a walk-in basis each Wednesday at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD. No appointment is needed to receive a first, second, or booster dose of Pfizer vaccine (ages 12 or older) or a first or second dose of Moderna (18 and older). However, appointments are required for booster doses of Moderna. Registration links for Moderna booster appointments are posted on the health department website at health.maryland.gov/allegany as they become available. Individuals must meet eligibility requirements to obtain a booster COVID vaccine.

Drive-thru COVID testing continues to be offered at the fairgrounds on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Allegany County COVID-19 Case and Vaccination Statistics as of November 11:

- New COVID Cases: 48 (cumulative total 10,033)
- Additional Deaths: 2 (cumulative total 259)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 24.55 (Maryland: 12.43)
- Positivity Rate: 5.69% (Maryland: 3.26%)
- Percent of population fully vaccinated: 47.0% (Maryland: 67.3%

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